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Westminster, April 8.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. *Aston*, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for Continuing several Subsidies, Impositions and Duties, and for making Provisions therein mentioned, to raise Money by way of Loan for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's necessary and important Occasions, and for Ascertaining the Wine Measure.

An Act for Ease of Her Majesty's Subjects in relation to the Duties upon Salt, and for making the like Allowances upon the Exportation of White Herrings, Flesh, Oatmeal, and Grain called Bear, alias *Bigg, as are to be made upon Exportation of the like from* Scotland.

An Act for Encouraging the Discovery and Apprehending of House-Breakers.

An Act for raising the Militia for the Year 1707. *notwithstanding the Month's Pay formerly advanced be not repaid, and for an Account to be made of Trophy-Money.*

An Act to Explain and Amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament for preventing Frauds frequently committed by Bankrupts.

An Act for Discharging small Livings from their First-Fruits and Tenths, and all Arrears thereof.

An Act for making the Acts more effectual for Appropriating the Forfeited Impropriations in Ireland, *and for the Building of Churches, and augmenting poor Vicaridges there.*

An Act to subject the Estate of Thomas Brerewood *to the Creditors of* Thomas Pitkin, *notwithstanding any Composition or Agreement made with the Creditors of the said* Tho. Pitkin.

An Act for repairing the Highways between Sheppard-Shord *and the* Devizes, *and between the Top of* Ashlington-Hill *and* Rowdford, *in the County of* Wilts.

An Act for the better Securing Her Majesty's Purchase of Conton-House *in* Westminster.

An Act for obliging John Rice *to account for Debentures granted to him in the last Session of Parliament.*

An Act for the Continuance of the Laws for the Punishment of Vagrants, and for making such Laws more effectual.

An Act for Continuing the Laws therein mentioned relating to the Poor, and to the Buying and Selling of Cattle in Smithfield, *and for suppressing of Piracy.*

And to 23 Private Bills.

St. James's, April 7. This Day the Earl of Lifford accompanied by Mons. le Coq, Mons. St. Leger, and several other French Protestant Gentlemen and Ministers, being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Sunderland, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, presented to Her Majesty a most dutiful Address, signed by a great Number of them, expressing their Gratitude for Her Majesty's most Generous Protection, and the Charitable Assistance they have received from the English Nation, and laying before Her Majesty the Distressed and Calamitous Condition of their Brethren in France under the present Persecution; humbly praying, That Her Majesty will be Graciously pleased to take the same into Her Royal and Tender Consideration. To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most Gracious Answer.

I Have always had a great Compassion for the Unhappy Circumstances of the Persecuted Protestants of France.

I will Communicate My Thoughts upon this Matter to Our Allies; and hope such Measures may be taken as may Effectually answer the Intent of your Petition.

Kensington, April 8. This Day the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Cholmondely*, Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of *Chester*, accompanied by the two Representatives, and several other Gentlemen of Quality of the said County, presented to Her Majesty the following most dutiful and loyal Address.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty,*

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Militia Officers, of the County of *Chester.*

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE most wonderful and continual Blessings of Almighty God upon Your Majesty's great Undertakings affect our Hearts with the most exalted Transports of dutiful Joy and Satisfaction, but more especially upon the Union of Your Majesty's Two ancient Kingdoms of England and Scotland; a Work of such Difficulty, as hath baffled the wisest Attempts of former Ages, and hath been reserved by Divine Providence to be digested by the Superiour Conduct of Your Majesty's Councils, approved by Your Parliaments, and perfected by Your Royal Sanction.

As the Deliverance of Europe from Oppression and Tyranny must render Your Majesty's Name and Memory Glorious to all Posterity, so we no less acknowledge Your Majesty's peculiar and indulgent Care of Your own Subjects, in the Terms and Provisions of this Happy Union, whereby Your Majesty hath established a firm and lasting Monument of Honour and Safety to the Crown and People of Great Britain, and to the Protestant Religion and Interest throughout the World.

We beg Leave humbly to assure Your Majesty of our Unanimous Disposition and Resolution to contribute our utmost Endeavours in our several Stations, That Your Majesty's Gracious Intentions and Desires may be effectually answered, by a perfect Union of all Your Majesty's Subjects, as well in dutiful Obedience and Loyalty to Your Majesty, (whom God long preserve) as in mutual Affections towards one another.

The following Address from *Colchester* was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Isaac Rebow*, High Steward of that Corporation, and Sir *Thomas Webster* Bar. their Representatives in Parliament; introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Somerset*.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty,*

The humble Address of the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants, and Common Council, of Your Majesty's ancient Borough of *Colchester* in the County of *Essex.*

May it please Your Majesty,

IT is not long since we congratulated Your Majesty for the Glorious Success of Your Majesty's and the Arms of Your Allies, in several Parts of Europe: We now humbly crave Leave to rejoyce with Your Majesty for the Success of Your Councils, nothing inferiour to that of Your Arms; for thereby You have accomplished that which hath many times been in vain attempted, and have thereby laid a Foundation of Wealth and Strength to Your Kingdom of Great Britain. And we heartily pray, That Your Majesty may long live and reign over us, and that You and all Your Subjects may enjoy the Benefit and reap the Fruit of this Happy Union. In Witness whereof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, the One and thirtieth Day of March, in the Sixth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

The following Address has also been presented to Her Majesty.

To the most Excellent Majesty of ANNE, *Queen of* Great Britain, *&c.*

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs and Burgesses, and other the Inhabitants, of the Town and Borough of *New Windsor.*

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects do most humbly and heartily congratulate Your Majesty's Joy and Satisfaction, in the happy Conclusion of the long desired Union of the Two Famous Kingdoms of Great Britain:

A Work so difficult, that while other Princes have gloried in the Attempt alone, it seems reserved for the peculiar Honour of Your Reign, and the Glory of Your Ministry, to bring it to effect.

A Work so happy in its Consequences, that thereby the Succession of the Crown is preserved in the Protestant Line, the best Religion in the World secured and Established, and all the Blessings of Peace, Plenty and Liberty, we now enjoy, transmitted to Posterity for all Generations.

The Hearts of Kings are in the Hands of God: It was He that enclined Your Progenitors to choose the Lion and the Unicorn to support their Arms; and it is He certainly who hath fulfilled the Prophetick Emblem, and made Victory and Union the Two Supporters of Your Throne.

We have nothing left to do but to bless God and the Queen for the many inexpressible Advantages we receive from Her Government; to beseech him to continue them, by lengthening the Thread of that important Life on which they depend, by adding Length of Days to Your Glory and Honour, and making the Years of Your Reign as numerous as the Blessings we enjoy under it.

All which Addresses Her Majesty received very graciously.

Lisbon, March 21. *N. S.* Our Troops are preparing to march from their Quarters: They have their Rendezvous at Ciudad Rodrigo, where they are all to be by the 20th of next Month. The Marquis de Montandre arrived here the 15th Instant from Alicant, having been 16 Days in his Voyage: He left the Confederate Troops in those Parts in very good Condition, and making Preparations for their taking the Field with all Expedition. The 18th 4 English Men of War, with 6 Merchant-men, bound for Turkey, and a Sloop, arrived here from Plimouth. Yesterday Sir Cloudesly Shovell came in here from the Streights, with several English Men of War.

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